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SUBJECT: UNRWA FINANCING

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO UN COMMISSIONER
GENERAL SIR JOHN RENNIE OR DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MCILHENNY.

1. THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET BELIEVES THAT IN
ORDER TO ASSESS PROPERLY THE CURRENT PROPOSAL FOR AN
ADDITIONAL US PLEDGE TO UNRWA BEFORE AUGUST 15 THE
DEPARTMENT MUST AT A MINIMUM SECURE THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION FROM UNRWA FINANCIAL OFFICERS IN VIENNA:

QUOTE 1. WHAT IS THE CURRENT ESTIMATE OF CY 1976

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BUDGETARY NEEDS? (TRANSMIT SUMMARY OF LATEST BUDGET

ESTIMATES BY ACTIVITY). HOW MUCH OF THIS HAS BEEN
FIRMLY PLEDGED? BY WHOM? WHAT ARE PROSPECTS FOR
OBTAINING A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF THE REMAINING BALANCE
FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE U.S.? HOW MUCH FROM WHOM?

2. OF THE ESTIMATED \$18M NEEDED TO "SURVIVE" THROUGH
THE END OF CY 1976, HOW MUCH IN PLEDGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS
IS NEEDED BY AUGUST 15? SEPTEMBER 15? THE REMAINING

MONTHS?

3. WHAT SPECIFIC STEPS HAS THE COMMISSIONER-GENERAL
TAKEN TO HELP ALLEVIATE THE ASSETS/LIABILITIES
IMBALANCE? (DEFERRED PURCHASES AND PAYMENTS, REDUCED
RATIONS, ETC.) QUANTIFY.

4. HOW MUCH OF THE 1976 BUDGET IS REQUIRED FOR
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES FOR EMPLOYEE TERMINATION COSTS?
IF 30-DAY TERMINATION NOTICES WERE ISSUED ON AUGUST 15,
WOULD PLEDGES RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER 15
SEPARATION DATE MAKE THE ACTUAL OUTLAY OF SEPARATION
BENEFITS UNNECESSARY? WHAT WOULD BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF
THE COMMISSIONER-GENERAL NOT ISSUING TERMINATION NOTICES
IN AUGUST EVEN IF ASSETS FALL SHORT OF LIABILITIES?
DOES THE DECISION NOT TO ISSUE THE NOTICES IN JULY
INDICATE THAT SUCH AN ACTION IS DISCRETIONARY? SINCE
FINANCIAL REGULATION 9.5 DOES NOT EXPLICITLY CALL FOR
THE ISSUANCE OF TERMINATION NOTICES IF LIABILITIES EX-
CEED ASSETS, WHY DOES THE COMMISSIONER-GENERAL BELIEVE
SUCH AN ACTION IS NECESSARY? IS HIS INTERPRETATION
OF THIS REGULATION SUBJECT TO CHALLENGE? UNQUOTE

2. WE URGE UNRWA OFFICIALS TO MAKE THE ABOVE
INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

3. FOR INFORMATION OF RENNIE AND MCILHENNY:

DEPT IS CONTINUING ITS ALL OUT EFFORT TO PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL U.S. DOLLARS 6 MILLION FOR UNRWA BY AUGUST 15
AS INDICATED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES AND CONVERSATIONS
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